



LEGAL ACTION REPORT AND SUMMARY OF MINUTES

The **Historic Landscapes Subcommittee** of the Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission met at **1:00 PM, on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, at Tahoe Park, 2051 East Hampton Street, Tucson, Arizona 85719.**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM and a quorum was established.

Members Present:

Helen Erickson, Chair
Arthur Stables
Patsy Waterfall
Toni Hilliard
Steve Grede

2. Approval of Minutes – February 24, 2016

It was moved by Commissioner Stables, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, to approve the minutes of 2/24/16.

3. Removal of Tobias sculpture from TCC Walkway into storage

It was moved by Commissioner Grede, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, to have a recommendation made to the Plans Review Subcommittee that the Tobias sculpture be preserved and maintained in place unless removal is necessary for restoration.

4. Placement of Ramada in Tahoe Park

Commissioner Stables stated while the demolition of Potter Place was a major disappointment to the historic preservation community and the wish to memorialize it is laudable, Tahoe Park is not an appropriate location for the ramada proposed for 2223 E Edison Street, Tucson, Arizona 85719.

It was moved by Commissioner Stables, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 5 to 0, to forward the recommendation of the TPDHC Historic Landscapes Subcommittee to the Plans Review Subcommittee that the Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association and City of Tucson Parks and Recreation be requested to investigate other sites.

This recommendation is based on the incompatibility of the proposed ramada with many of the defining historic characteristics of the park, including the following:

- 1) there are no other architectural features in the park; the area was designed to be a green space for strolling and free play
- 2) the scale of the ramada is incompatible with the open space design of the park which features naturalistically geometric plantings of large trees and long views.
- 3) there is no other hardscape (paving) in the park . Turf is a character-defining historic material, and the proposed ADA pathways would require the removal of a significant amount of turf, interrupting play areas and introducing an alien geometry to the historic design of the park.
- 4) the large size of the proposed ramada interrupts views into the park, through the park, and to the mountains; it also impacts the views into the park from homes surrounding the park
- 5) the rectilinear design of the ramada is not compatible with the naturalistic geometry of the park.

5. Call to the Audience

No audience was present.

6. Summary of Current Events (Information only)

None were presented at this time.

7. Future Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

A joint meeting with APHZAB will be scheduled for March 15th.

8. Adjournment: 1:55 p.m.